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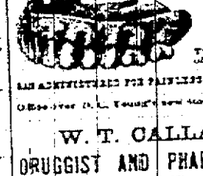

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WOMEN WHO KEEP INFORMED IN CURRENT LITERATURE.

An Economical Method of Purchasing Books and a Convenient and Sociable Way of Discussing the Latest Effusion of a Popular Writer.

An English woman, recently married to a New York lawyer, with a home in the suburbs, is trying an interesting experiment in the way of a literary and book lending society. The system she has adopted has been used in suburban towns of England and in many of the larger provincial cities for more than half a century. In fact, there is a society in Rochester, England, which claims to have had it in continual use for more than 100 years. There is probably no system exactly like it, however, in this part of the world.

The main object of this system is to supply books to women who have ample time for reading and are eager to keep pace with all that is interesting in the tremendous rush of contemporaneous literature. A man with even a moderate income cannot afford to keep his wife supplied with new books and magazines as they come out. The cheapest now are 50 cents. In nine cases out of ten the first price is more likely to be $1.50. To be sure, almost everything nowadays ultimately drifts into the cheap edition, but it is after the book has ceased to be fresh in the minds of the public and people have ceased to talk about it.

Women who live in the country and in the suburbs have more time for reading than women in cities, and withal fewer means of getting anything good to read. The time worn volumes in the local circulating library have been their familiar friends from childhood. If the husband subscribes to a circulating library in town and promises to bring a new book home with him every night, he is likely to grow weary soon and forget all about it. As then when an intelligent woman reads a good novel she likes to talk to somebody about it. Her husband hasn't time to read, and the acquaintances she visits have never even heard of it.

The literary English woman found herself in this plight, so she interested herself in forming a club similar to the one she belonged to at her English home.

The idea is a simple one. Forty or 50 persons in a town organize a book society. That is the name usually given to it in England. It has been found advisable to have at least 40 members, and not to have more than 50. The Rochester society has adhered to this rule despite powerful pressure to increase its membership. Applicants for membership are kept waiting six years, and sometimes more, for admission. A society No. 2 has naturally been formed, but the prestige remains with the pioneer society, which meets every week, winter and summer, in the Old Bull hotel, made famous in the "Pickwick Papers." The society hires a room, cheerful and comfortable, which is placed at its disposal one night each week. The landlord allows the members to keep a large cupboard in the room in which to store books.

These books are in charge of a secretary. The position is simply an honorary one, but the members usually make the secretary who attends to business a very substantial Christmas present—a piece of silver or some article of household furniture perhaps. The members determine by ballot what books shall be purchased, but it devolves upon the secretary to buy them. He is supposed to get discount prices from publishers. This is managed without difficulty, and the publishers generally find it for their own interest to remember the secretary about Christmas time. The result is that in prosperous societies the position is sought after. It is worth while to devote some little time to it.

Balloting to determine what new books shall be bought takes place once each month. If twenty or more members find it expedient to purchase some new book or series of books issued between ballotings sections—such, for instance, as Stanley's latest record of his travels or a new volume of a popular encyclopedia—the secretary must get it for them when they present a request in writing. Then the members keep themselves so well posted that books of this kind are usually voted for in advance.

All the money subscribed is not devoted to buying new books and magazines. In every society there are a few members who prefer to read and even reread Dickens, Thackeray, Scott and numerous other standard writers. The wants of these people must be and are provided for to a reasonable extent. Each member may draw three books at one time, but it is not allowed to keep any book for more than 14 days. If it is a book which is in demand, the time is limited to one week.

Every two years the books belonging to the society are assorted by the secretary into lots of equal value and are "drawn" by the different members in a lottery. Every member present has the right to draw one number. In this way the "copyhold" of the society is kept free from "dead wood" and the individual members are able to build up a solid little library at home. Every member eventually gets his money back in books.

As to the cost of running a society of this kind, perhaps the best criterion would be the Rochester society. Each member pays a shilling at initiation and another a week dues. If he gets behind in his dues, he is fined threepence for each week. If he neglects it for more than a month, his name is dropped. This has rarely happened in the Rochester society, although the rules are rigidly enforced. The money collected in this way has been found ample to run the society and keep the members abreast of new literature.

The weekly meetings are largely devoted to discussion. Two or three of the newest books are usually taken up. The talk is mostly conversational, though the secretary is supposed to exercise some control of the meeting and keep the members from all talking at once.—New York Times.

Greek Names.

We learn that the nose of Socrates was not Greek, but such as Greek artists usually assigned to satyrs. Occasionally, as in a beautiful group of a satyr playing dice with a nymph on a bronze mirror, they gave satyrs another kind of nose. The noses of the ladies in the Tanagra terra cotta are of all agreeable orders of nose, not necessarily Greek. The chances are that the Greeks wanted as much as we do in their noses, while the tradition of their art preferred the conventional straight nose. In the same way the kind of Romans who had their portraits done on coins and gems were just the sort of energetic, conquering people who have Roman noses everywhere, like William of Orange and the Duke of Wellington.—London Saturday Review.

Self Control.

Teacher—What is the meaning of self control?

Boy—He's when a teacher gets mad and feels like giving a boy a black mark and don't.—Detroit Free.

THE LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN.

One of the Hardest Worked and Least Appreciated of Employees.

It is doubtful if there is a man on the train who is less appreciated than the fireman. The public shakes hands with the conductor who has charge of the train, thanks the brakeman for many little courtesies, bows to the baggage master who looks after its luggage in transit—perhaps, if it is a masculine public, swears at him—trusts its valuables with the express messenger and talks long and loud of the "brave engineer," but the fireman—he who bends to his work and feeds the fire that makes the steam—is never mentioned. Sometimes a purse is made up for the engineer. No one ever heard of the fireman getting a purse, but the records show that he has performed as many deeds of valor as the engineer. Again, if the train leaves the track or goes into another train, the fireman has fewer chances to escape than any man on the train, except perhaps the mail clerk, shut up like a rat in a cage.

When the fireman is at work, and that is nearly all the time when the wheels are turning, he stands stooped over, shoveling in the fuel or raking the coals in the firebox. His view ahead is obstructed, and he cannot see the danger that may be dashing upon him. The rat-tat and roar of the machinery may drown the engineer's warning call—a crank—the tender pins him to the boiler head, and he dies a horrible death. Standing in the narrow gangway peering ahead, a sudden lurch around a curve may throw him off. Instances have been known when the coupling between the engine and the tank parted, and the fireman dropped between them to be ground to pieces. The records show that more firemen than engineers are killed in railroad wrecks.

About the only time the fireman has a little leisure is when the train is running down grade. Then "she is shut off," steam is saved, and the knight of the shovel climbs up to a cushion seat and takes a breathing spell. But even then one eye is ahead, his hand on the bell-cord and the other eye fastened on the steam gauge, whose little black hands, fluctuating back and forth, guage his labor as well as the steam. There is a science in "feeding" an engine that is understood by one not in the business. There is a way to throw in the coal and to empty the shovel and close the furnace door at the same time. If required nice calculation that tells how many "scooploads" are needed to send the hands on the gauge to the proper figure; deft handling to keep the deck of the cab clean, and a hundred other little things that go to make a skillful fireman—one that saves money for the company by husbanding the coal.

In the old days the fireman on "wood burners" had a hard time of it and certainly earned the small money he received for his services, but he had a sinecure compared with the man in blue overalls and jumper who "stokes up" one of the huge "mogule" or "hogs" of the present day. These engines haul freights and eat up coal as if it were greased paper. The fireman is at work continuously, and about the only time he has to rest is when his train "takes a siding" to let a more aristocratic passenger train pass.—Indianapolis News.

The Telephone Fifty Years Ago.

The first telephone that was ever used was not electrical, nor was it a scientific instrument in any sense of the term. A little more than 50 years ago the employees of a large manufactory beguiled their leisure hours by liteflying. Kites large and small went up daily, and the strife was to see who could get the largest. The twine which held them was the thread spun and twisted by the ladies of the village. One day to the tail of the largest kite was attached a kitten sewed in a canvas bag, with a netting over the mouth to give it air. When the kite was at its greatest height—200 feet or more—the mewing could be distinctly heard by those holding the string. To the clearness of the atmosphere was attributed the hearing of the kitten's voice. This is the first account we remember of speaking along a line.—Sheffield Telegraph.

How to Take a Turkish Bath.

It is not unusual to hear complaints that the Turkish bath has induced considerable depression, or even exhaustion, lasting perhaps several days, but the cause of this is that proper precautions have not been taken by the bather. The baths must be adapted to the strength of the patient. The bather should not stay too long in the hot chamber, and the bracing process should be applied only a few seconds with water not very cold. Twenty minutes is long enough for most persons to remain in the hot chamber, and a safe rule is to leave at the first symptoms of faintness or fatigue.—Exchange.

Gladstone's Perorations.

Perorations are Mr. Gladstone's strongest point. He may confuse his audience with figures, overwhelm them with words, but when the time comes for him to round off his speech, and when his voice, dropping in volume, takes on the magnetic thrill that has helped to make its owner a power in England, then the audience mentally rises to meet the orator, to the outgoing thrill comes back an echoing answer of emotion, and the great master of words sits down amid a storm of applause.—St. James Gazette.

Where Amethysts Are Found.

The shores of the picturesque basin of Minas, made famous by Longfellow's poem "Evangeline," furnish many fine specimens of the amethyst. After the frosts of winter have broken and scaled the face of the bluffs, then is the most favorable time to hunt not only for the amethyst, but for other minerals, such as chalcedony, agate, malachite, calcite, analcine, apatite, natrolite, etc., found there in the debris at the foot of the cliffs.—Minerals.

Chance For Heroism.

Adorer (anxiously)—What did your father say?

Sweet Girl—Oh, he got so angry I was afraid to stay and listen. He's in a perfectly terrible rage. Go in and appease him.—New York Weekly.

The Meaning of Telepathy.

Few people would be apt to understand what you meant if you talked to them about "telepathy." Now sciences spring up so rapidly nowadays that it is hard work to keep track of the new words coined for them. Telepathy is related in meaning to telegraphy, in that it is a sort of mental telegraphy, or feeling at a distance, being derived from the Greek, pathos, feeling and tele, at a distance. It is only a new and more scientific name, however, for what we commonly speak of as mind reading, though not all mind reading is telepathy.

Richard Hodson, secretary of the Society for Psychical Research, defines telepathy as the ability of one mind to impress or be impressed by another mind otherwise than through the recognized channels of sense, and cites some remarkable instances of mind reading and thought transference investigated by the society. These, he thinks, confirm the conclusion that thought transference is a reality.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Clerical Positions.

Rightly or wrongly, it seems to be assumed that the Germans, partly because of their plodding habits, partly on account of their linguistic accomplishments, are more fitted for clerical positions than the average Englishmen. Well, why not accept that fact? If the German want to be clerks then by all means let them be clerks, and leave the Englishman under the pressure of necessity to carve out some nobler career for himself. For what is clerkdom, what are its prospects and its influences? I speak from experience, and I assert that it is a wretched leveling down, ambition crushing existence. Sooner than be a clerk I would say to any young man beginning life, be an artisan—whose honest toil offers a future of happiness wholly denied to the down at heel clerk. Yet it is not difficult to understand why young men become clerks.

It is supposed to be a gentlemanly profession, but the black coat, the top hat and the incipient mustache may all be taken as the signs of shabby gentility. The veneer of respectability is very thin. I remember once being sadly taken down by a vendor of razors who stood with his stock in trade outside the bankers' clearing house in a passage off Lombard street. I asked him for a strop. Said he gruffly: "It will cost you 2 shillings. A steak would do you more good." And the man was right. I did not forget the lesson, and I ceased to be a clerk as soon as I could, but it was a trial to my feelings to be deprived of the genteel air of the city and to earn my bread amid less pretentious surroundings.—Cor. London Telegraph.

A Black Cat Farm.

"I had heard of skunk farms, rattlesnake farms and other novelties in the farming line," said Nick Hansen yesterday to a party of friends who were congregated about the stove in the court of the Exchange building, "but I never heard of a black cat farm until I went out to Washington. The year that I went out there Jim Wardner, an old timer who used to stage it with Fred Evans in the early days, and who is quite well known to many Sioux Falls men, received the idea of raising black cats for their fur, and proceeded to organize a stock company to push the enterprise.

"A company was organized with a capital stock of $500,000, and an island of about 1,000 acres in extent located in Bellingham bay in the upper part of Puget sound was obtained to carry on the farming. Then a grand skirmish was made to get black cats. The Pacific coast states were ransacked, and nearly every incoming train was loaded with black cats, which were immediately taken to the island or 'cat factory,' as we called it. They were in charge of a number of men, who furnished them with food by seine fishing in the bay, and a certain number were killed during the year to pay the current expenses. When I left, a good black cat's pelt was worth $3, and the company was making a mint of money. Cats' fur makes up elegantly into muffs and capes."—Sioux City Journal.

Renting Ball Dresses.

There are stores in the city where evening dresses are rented. They are made up handsomely, with the skirt all finished except the waistband, and with the waist itself basted together instead of stitched. The woman who desires to rent the costume can have the waist fitted. It is fitted and prepared for her in a way that does not preclude the possibility of its becoming refitted for others for other occasions. She rents it for the evening, paying $10 or $15, returns it in the morning with the conscionsness that she looked at the ball just as well as her millionaire neighbor.

It is rather a severe thing to assert, but these trades people do not hesitate to say that men are responsible for the starting in of this custom of renting finery. They say that wives caught the idea from their husbands, who make a practice of renting dress suits instead of owning them. Everybody knows that it is quite a common thing for a man to hire a dress suit for the one or two times a year when some occasion demands of him this respect to conventionality, yet I suppose this same man would be the first to condemn this folly in his wife—if he knew it.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Lemon Juice For Rheumatism.

A little girl up on the west side was to give a splendid birthday party one day last month, but the day and the presents arrived and found her in bed, paralyzed with rheumatism. She is only 7, and her parents and even the family doctor thought it a remarkable and uncalled for malady. But the carefully guarded only child suffered as terribly as the most neglected little mortal who had spent cold nights in the streets and had invited the awful disease in every way. Finally a doctor was called in, who, among other things, knows a thing or two about inflammatory rheumatism. He sniffed at the array of liniments, pronounced them "harmless" and prescribed lemon juice—lemon juice, pure and simple—a wineglassful every morning. The little girl is now well. Hers is another bit of medical advice. If you are subject to rheumatism, don't eat eggs.—Washington News.

Remembers Byron.

A venerable woman living up town remembers Lord Byron very well, having often seen him in an extended foreign tour of her youth shortly before the poet's death. "My father grew to know him intimately," she says, "and liked him extremely. He always declared that was false, and much else the fault of the times or of his peculiar life. He found in him what he afterward called him, in speaking of the acquaintance, 'a downright good fellow, but not at all the Byron of history.'"—New York Times.

A Silver Lining.

Mrs. Kindlie—I presume you have rather a hard time of it.

Tramp—Yes, mum; but every cloud has a silver lining, mum. I'm not worried to death by autograph hunters, mum.—New York Weekly.

Octagonal Shafts.

Speaking of broken shafts, a correspondent suggests that shafts might be made octagonal and hexagonal instead of round, outside of bearings, and a number of sleeves in half sections could be carried to be applied to cover any break and bolted together, which would make a strong joint. The idea seems founded upon solid sense.—Marine Journal.

Trouble In the Play.

"What's the matter?" asked the stage manager, who noticed that something was going wrong toward the end of "Hamlet."

"It's the first grave digger," said Horatio. "He says unless you give him the price of a good meal at once he's going to eat the loaf of bread they're using for Yorick's skull."—Exchange.

Number V.

Humphreys' Specific Number Seven, cures coughs, colds and bronchitis. The relief is quick, the cure perfect—Price 25 cents, for sale by all druggists.

The "Animals" Show.

"I spent the Christmas holidays in the Cevennes mountains," said Artist Grant Stewart of London at the Southern yesterday. "I was sketching the peasants, and on New Year's eve I was invited to attend the 'animals' mass.' The church is a miserably poor, little affair, covered with lichen covered tiles, slowly crumbling to pieces. The old bell in the steeple is cracked and gives forth an unnatural sound. However, on New Year's eve the mountaineers, all dressed in their holiday attire, gather at the little church, and, each one holding a lighted candle in their hands, chant an old Cevenol hymn to the effect that night is more beautiful than morning. Then comes the celebration of the mass. There is nothing unusual about that, but when the 'Ite missa est' is pronounced the priest again raises the host and chants the 'Magnificat' and proceeds to the door, followed by the entire congregation.

"Meanwhile all the cows, oxen, sheep and goats in the parish have been driven before the open portico of the church. As the priest repeats the solemn and sonorous hymn of the Virgin, the animals, the oxen and the sheep, the cows and the donkeys, the dogs and the cats, the goats and the horses, all are sprinkled by the holy water. Excited by the ceremony, the animals have all risen to their feet, and the venerable cure blesses them. The mass is ended in a loud hosanna, in which every voice—including the bellowing of the animals—is blended, and on New Year's morning the hills are as quiet and peaceful as though the animals had never been blessed."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A New German Field Gun.

The new German field gun might be described as an enlarged rifle, for that is what it really is. The ammunition, like rifle cartridges, consists of one piece only. Ignition is produced by a ready fuse, and the four kinds of projectiles at present in use—i. e., shell, explosive shell, shrapnel and grapeshot—give place to a uniform projectile, an explosive shell possessing the combined characteristics of shell and shrapnel. Thus the possibility of a gunner mistaking in the heat of battle one projectile for another will be averted, while the loading, aiming and firing besides being quicker—for the new arm is loaded and fired in one-third of the time required in working the old gun, and the effect and precision are almost double—will be assured and unattended wit danger.

The barrel of the new gun is made of cast steel, with a caliber of 8 centimeters, and the total weight of the gun, limber and carriage is slightly less than that of the old artillery weapon. Being lighter, the mobility of the new gun will of course be considerably increased. The limber and gun carriage are made of iron and iron plates. The limber box is open behind near the gun when in action. The advantage of this innovation is that the projectiles can be served out from the limber and ammunition wagon with greater rapidity. Another important feature is that the carriage is supplied with a brake, which counteracts the recoil, the process of loading and firing being thus simplified.—London Court Journal.

When Choosing a Wife.

If I were asked by a young man of a young woman how to be guided in the choice of a life mate, I should, in the exercise of a judgment reason we order most studious observation, say: Choose that person who, after a reasonable period of association, proves to be most companionable. This broad law comprehends nearly all others that can be suggested. It were infinitely better to be single though life than marry one who would not answer to this condition. Speaking somewhat narrowly and selfishly, contentment is the most that can be got out of life, and when a contented couple is found it will also be discovered that they exhibit manifestly opposite characteristics of temperament, habit, taste and physique.

It is upon this fixed foundation that happy affinities are formed. It is an important doctrine in medical jurisprudence that "like cures like"—which is only another way of saying that like kills like—and it is equally true in the social realm that companionship is not felt between young men and young women who are closely similar in general appearance or disposition. On the contrary, it arises and leads to happy unions between persons who are often widely dissimilar.—J. L. Payne in Ladies' Home Journal.

Using the Hand In Counting.

The natives of Erroob and some of the Cape Yorkers of Australia have words for "one," "two" and "three," but for "four" they say "the whole." In western Australia they have words for "one," "two," "three" and "four," while the word for "five" means "the fingers being on one hand," and "ten" "being on two hands."

One author gives a word for "fifteen" —"mehr-in-bell-belli-gudgir-jura-banga," the exact meaning of which is "the fingers on the hand on either side and half the feet." The Lower Murray nations have words for "one" and "two" only; for "five" they say "one hand;" for "ten" two hands." Very few Australian tribes can count beyond "four," their terms for "five" merely implying a large number.—Chicago Mail.

Lamar's Long Hair.

There is a young lady now prominent in Washington society to whom as a little girl Lamar revealed one blood curdling reminiscence. He was accustomed to visit her father's house and had often noticed her gazing curiously at his hair, which he wore very long and flat to the sides of his head. One day he said to her: "My dear, you look as if you wanted to ask me something. What is it?"

"If you please, Mr. Lamar," she answered, "why do you wear your hair that way at the sides?" Lamar drew on his most serious expression, and in a low, hoarse whisper between his lifted palms he replied, "Because, my dear, I—once—had—a—fight—with—a—man—and—he—cut—off—my—ears!" For a long time afterward the little girl was struck with a chill of horror every time she looked at him, until one day in the midst of a gesture he swung his hair back far enough to secure her that his head was supplied with its normal complement of members. But she never, to the day of his death, entirely got over the effect made upon her by the pretended dread secret.—Kate Field's Washington.

Shellfish sometimes cause an itching skin eruption. Nausea, vomiting and giddiness are sometimes the indications that they disagree with those who partake of them.

Burton, when out of spirits, would go to the Theatre, sit on the steps leading to the water and find pleasure in listening to the stories of the bargemen.

Kites ride against, not with, the wind. No man ever worked his passage anywhere in a dead calm.—John Neal.

It is said the city of Pittsburg, now stands on ground once given in exchange for a violin.

FAITH AND REASON.

Two travelers started on a race
With tried and knowledge laden
One was a man with mighty brain,
And one a gentle maiden.
They joined their hands and vowed to be
Companions for a season,
The gentle maiden's name was Faith,
The mighty man's was Reason.

He sought all knowledge from this world
And every world a-near it;
All matter and all mind were his,
But here was only spirit.
If any stars were missed from heaven,
His telescope could find them;
But while he only found the stars
She found the God that named them.

He sought for truth above, below,
All Modern things revealing;
She only sought it, unbelieving,
And found it in her feeling.
He said, "This earth's a rolling ball."
And so doth science prove it.
She found the God that loved her first,
She found the strings that move it.

He made with geologic eye
The record of the ages;
Unfolding strata, he translates
Earth's wonder written pages.
He digs new coal to warm his toes
And measures with a plummet;
She hugs it with a single hand
And stands upon the summit.

He brings to light the secret bones
In nature's labyrinth lurking;
And how he knows the beasts he names
By one he hears and call.
To do his mighty worship.
He sends his message o'er the earth
And down comes answer fleet as
His reason bears to God himself,
While she lends his ear to listen.

All things in science, beauty, art,
In common they inherit;
But he has only cheapest the form,
While she has clasped the spirit.

He tries from earth to forge a key
To ope the gate of heaven!
That key is in the maiden's heart,
And back its bolts are driven.
They part! Without her all is dark,
His knowledge vain and hollow,
For Faith has entered in with God,
Where Reason may not follow.
—Elizabeth York Case in Home and Country.

THE EVERLASTING GHOST.

A Phantom That Has Made Little Progress In Thousands of Years.

We are asked to believe in ghosts because in every age there have been ghost stories. But would it not be more natural to suppose that in every age the human mind has been subject to aberrations, and that some specific weakness or irregularity of the mental constitution or of the physical organ, the brain, on which all thinking, so far as we are aware, depends, has probably given rise to this particular class of hallucinations?

We cannot pretend as yet to know the mind thoroughly in health and disease, but this we do know, that there are thousands and millions of persons whose lives are never intruded on by ghosts and who know absolutely nothing of "occult" phenomena. According to a recent gentleman's figures, only one woman in twelve and one man in ten is said to have "occ

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THE importance which the Democratic party attach to Mr. Cleveland's pompous profession of civil service reform is shown by the frantic rush of office grabbers to the national capital

WHAT will be known hereafter as the Sinnott doctrine in the disposition of party spoils is substantially that a fourth class man of business has no business to be a fourth rate postmaster. *Chicago Tribune.*

IT is said that there are more than 3,000 resignations of Republican postmasters of the fourth class on file in the Department at Washington. Their places will be the first ones filled by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Maxwell.

LOUISIANA sugar planters do not seem to take much stock in Democratic pledges to abolish the bounty. They are said to be liberally increasing their acreage. Perhaps they have had a tip from the inside that the sugar tariff is to be restored

POSTMASTER GENERAL BISSELL now says that the statement that no women were to be appointed postmistresses and that newspaper men were to be discriminated against, attributed to him, were not true. It had evidently got too hot for him.

FRED K. WRIGHT, editor of the Wellsboro *Gazette*, is a candidate for Internal Revenue Collector of the 12th district. Mr. Wright's paper has done valiant service for the party in the past and he is certainly deserving of recognition by the "powers that be."

THE announcement of Mr. Carlisle to the effect that he has received larger offers of gold for legal-tender notes than he can meet, and that an issue of bonds is no longer contemplated, is reassuring, and it also approves the foresight and judgment of President Harrison in refusing a month ago to authorize the issuing of bonds. Mr. Harrison was always a cool man in an emergency

A WESTERN Congressman, a few days ago requested the appointment of a man for office on the ground that he was a good fellow and a relative of the President. That settles it," Mr. Cleveland is reported as saying, adding that "this name cannot be considered." And then the President is said to have read the Congressman a lecture in which he placed himself on record in lofty superiority to all the shades of meaning and application.

A HUMAN skull "as large as a bushel basket" is reported as having been found in Sicily. This is doubtless regarded in Sicily as a fine specimen of the "big head." But if any Sicilian desires to see a real typical specimen let him come over to America and view the agent of some Democratic statesman who has paraded the streets of Washington with the proud consciousness that he carries in his breast pocket a commission as postmaster of his particular village *N. Y. Tribune*

IN the opinion of the Rochester *Union* Mr. Maxwell, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, "cannot begin the work of 'turning the rascals out' a moment too soon." In the bright Civil Service Reform lexicon of the Cleveland era every postmaster who is a Republican no matter how efficient and faithful he may have proved himself, is a rascal, and therefore an eligible candidate for retirement. If Mr Maxwell breaks down from nervous exhaustion some time upon overwork with his axe, the *Union* may well feel that it is partly responsible for the wreck.

SOME one with a genius for arithmetic figures out that the United States will be richer by $300,000,000, because of money left here by foreigners who come to visit the World's Fair. To this he adds the $100,000,000 which Americans visitors are accustomed to leave every summer in Europe but which this year they will spend at home. A distinguished financier once said that the resumption of specie payments was made possible in 1879 only by reason of the wealth left among us by foreign visitors to the Centennial Exposition of 1876. The estimate, therefore, does not seem absurd.

A MIDDLETOWN correspondent who has no interest in manufacturing writes: "The booming of cannon throughout the country on the 4th of March, while intended as a manifestation of rejoicing for the triumph of the party of Free-Trade, will prove in the end to have been the first signal gun of distress, heralding, we fear a long period of darkness during which the potentialities of American enterprise and industry will be held in bonds with the insidious advance of the commercial vandals of Europe, in that the head and burden of the fight will fall upon the wage earner, whose employment it destroys. It is the saddest day the country has known for years."

IN 1860, when England was under Protection, she transacted 27 2 per cent. of the foreign commerce of the world, and the United States only 2.7 per cent. In 1880 England's share had shrunk to 21 2 per cent and America's share had increased to 11 5 per cent. English exports are no larger now than they were in 1873, but Protectionist Germany's export trade has doubled in a decade. Both the United States and Germany are fighting upon England in point of foreign commerce with seven-league boots, and is only a question of time, and not a great many years either, when the United States will pass the mother country, and become first manufacturer in the world. It already first in total values and in manufacturing.—*Pittsburg Times.*

A GREAT NAVY.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Tracy, at a dinner given in his honor in Brooklyn, made the announcement that the United States is the fifth naval power in the world, being ranked only by England, France, Russia and Italy, and outranking all other countries including Germany. In the course of his most interesting speech Mr. Tracy said:

"The great progress we have made has been achieved not so much by the number of ships we have built, as by their greater power and efficiency. Ship for ship, there is nothing in the world that is superior to the ship of recent American design and construction. It is not only in the type and construction of ships that progress is to be noted, but in certain auxiliaries that go to make up a naval force."

While we have slowly forged ahead of several nations in a few things connected with the navy, yet we can beat the world in others, as Mr. Tracy explains

"But the greatest progress made in any one direction has undoubtedly been in the production of armor. For twenty years it has been a conceded fact that the gun could beat the armor, but we have reversed this and have succeeded in producing an armor plate that can beat the gun. The nickle steel armor plate Harveylized cannot be pierced. Every projectile fired against it has been crushed into small pieces. You may break it, but no projectile can get through it. The production of this armor has made the armor now on all the English ships so inferior as to be practically worthless.

"The nickle steel Harveylized armor is an American production, which every naval power in Europe is now preparing to adopt. The production of this armor is undoubtedly the most important event connected with my administration, and for which it will be the longest remembered.

"In 1882 modern shipbuilding was an unknown art in America. To-day we United States is in the very front rank in every branch of the business, whether it is the designs of the hulls, the power and the efficiency of the engines, or in armor, guns, torpedoes or projectiles.

"Ten years ago there was hardly a shipyard in the country willing to undertake the construction of a modern man of war. To-day we have the most magnificent shipyards to be found anywhere. Cramp & Sons, of Philadelphia, have at the present time in man of war and merchant vessels combined over $50,000,000 of work in hand. There is no other shipyard in the world that has one quarter of that amount."

And who shall have the glory of this most magnificent rejuvenation of our navy. Thirty years ago, at the inception of the Civil War, it had been weakened and crippled and robbed by men who subsequently fled south and entered the service of the Confederacy. For years and years, despite the effort to build it up, it seemed to grow but slowly, until finally under wise Republican government it took on a new impetus, and to-day ranks fifth, while our ship-building interests are not surpassed by those of England. The United States have a right to feel proud over the latest achievements, and we need no longer feel humiliated when reference is made to the navy. The waters are full of fighters bearing the United States flag. *Harrisburg Telegraph*

AS TO REFORM IN PENSION MATTERS

The commissioner of pensions has sent out a table of the number and value of cases allowed by the Bureau from July 1, 1882 to February 28, 1883, which show that the number was 140,174 the aggregate of the first payment $24,800,054.23, the average $176.21

In a letter the Secretary of the Interior says some things which show how rapidly the old soldiers are disappearing. At the end of the fiscal year 1889 there were 489,725 names on the roll, and at the end of the fiscal year 1892 there had been added 169,000 but during these three years 82,623 names were dropped. At this rate the pension roll as it existed June 30, 1889 would have been exhausted in less than six years To be sure, all the names dropped were not on account of death nor were all soldiers, but allowing for this, it may be seen that the veterans are going fast and they will go faster as the war period recedes.

At the end of the fiscal year 1892 the number of pensioners was 875,068, very much larger than the number at the corresponding date in 1889. Time will arise when, as to-day there is likely to be a change in the cost of the pension roll. The commissioner answers it by showing that "the annual value of the pensions dropped from the rolls is considerably larger than the average value of the pensions of those on the rolls." The value of the pensions dropped in 1889 was in round numbers $138,000 in 1892 it had increased to 324,000. In other words those going off the rolls draw the large and those going on the small pensions.

The charge has been made that the rolls are filled with names of persons who saw very little service. In refutation of this the Commissioner gives the period of service from which it will be seen that that there are only 136,726 who served less than a year. Of those who served three months or under there are 9,224.

The gentlemen who mean to try reform in the matter of pensions will likely find a less promising field there than they have imagined. And in the Pension Bureau itself as the Commissioner says that the cost of disbursing the great sums is $2 cents on the $100. He adds that the scheme of paying by checks from the treasury to the 50,000 persons who receive payments now at the agencies would result in endless delays. Besides, the average salaries of agents are lower than those of clerks in the department at Washington, and their hours of labor longer. *Pittsburg Times.*

"GOLDEN PERIOD."

In 1849, under Democratic low tariff, referred to by Vice President Stevenson and Hon. William M. Springer as the "golden period" in the political history of this country, the editor of this paper younger in years and experience than he is now, was living upon a farm in Stephenson county, and well remembers that his father, in the early spring of that year, went to market with a bushel basket full of fresh eggs, which were sold to O. H. Wright, a merchant in Freeport, for 3 cents per dozen, for "store-trade," and that for the eggs so sold calico was purchased at 8 cents per yard. There are a great many old settlers in Stephenson county who remember that "golden period" of low tariff and Democratic government as well as it is remembered by the editor of this paper. But times have changed since then. An exchange says that a Maine farmer went shopping the other day with twenty-five dozen eggs and obtained in exchange the following list of articles which he took home: One set of dishes, one stove, a bushel of meal, half barrel of flour, a bushel of potatoes, a pound of tea, a pound of coffee, five pounds of sugar, a pound of soda, a pound of Kerosene oil, a bar of soap, a gallon of molasses, a quarter pound of tobacco, half a gallon of vinegar, a package of mixed spices and a calico dress pattern. It might have been reported that a one-horse wagon was included in the deal. His wife smiled when he got home bringing a bag of salt.—*Freeport (Ill.) Journal.*

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, March 20th, 1893.—As surmised in my last week's letter the Andrews-Higby contested election case has been decided in favor of Mr. Andrews, the final vote being 117 ayes, all Republicans, and 63 Democrats and 12 Republicans made up the negative vote, against the adoption of the majority report recommending the seating of Mr. Andrews. The opposition to seating Mr. Andrews on the Republican side, was championed by Uncle John Cessna and Ben Haupt, the former from Bedford county and the latter from Blair county, but all their arguments were unavailing to keep the 33 Republicans in line, who voted with the Democrats upon a recent occasion when the election returns from Crawford county were ordered to be placed upon the official records of the House. There are many comments heard, pro and con, as to the final verdict in this contest, and there are many would be disaster prophets who see nothing but disaster to the Republican party in this State in the near future, because of it. There is no question that the seating of Mr. Andrews will be used, to some good effect, against the unfairness of the majority vote in this case. While the final decision is unfortunate it must be accepted, and the party ought to learn a very useful lesson, and profit by the mistakes made in the Crawford county election of last fall. In a number of other districts where such voters have steps have been taken to prevent a similar condition of affairs from disfranchising voters whose votes have been running with non-partisan action. It is said that the Legislature, as a body, proposes to go to Chicago, but that it is not the purpose to go as "an administration" to the World's Fair Board. It is proposed to go as a distinctive representative body of the great State of Pennsylvania and will stand on its dignity as the creature of the Board and not as the creature of the Board. The programme, as far as at present outlined, is for the Legislature, as a body,

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DEAL AND GENERAL

Eraglare are about

Good Friday one week from to-day

The centennial season will soon be

Ruleford is to be lighted with elec

Dogdicate what is the rage at card

Our merchants are now exhibiting
the spring goods.

Nearly four yards of material are
ed for the latest cut sleeves.

Diamonds have been made through
state for $3,000,000 front fr

The Bazaar Bradford announces a
opening in this issue. Don't fail
at it.

Tim Brandon from Cuba has been
ed out of St. Luke's church for use on
Sunday.

The borough authorities advertise in
issue for bids for constructing the
ge Tower.

Keep the fowls and stock in pens for
first few days as a precautionary measures
disease and death.

It is promised to be a season of fine
asses early vegetables and a general
ty of fruits that the winter is over.

The warm sugar party given by the
ies of the Baptist church on Tuesday
ng was a very successful affair.

There will be an open meeting of
A. R. and W. R. C. next Thurs
evening. A large attendance is de
d.

Services will be held at the M. E.
rch next Sunday morning and even
Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J.
Hoss.

The young people of Smethport who
ended the band boys dance at Cooley
Hall last Friday night, report having a
grand good time.

Next Tuesday evening supper will
be served by the ladies of the M. E.
hurch, at the residence of W. P. Ecke
, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock.

—This new Prayer Book or rather the
old book with the few changes decided
upon will be introduced in St. James'
church on Easter day.

The pound party given at the res
dence of Mr Hafner on Friday evening
last by the young people of the Baptist
church, was a very social affair and
really

Gifford's paper mill resumed work
on Monday afternoon much to the sat
isfaction of the men who are be most
dependent upon the mill for the
ter

Bell Brothers, the well known cloth
ing goods leaders are now an advertisement
in this issue announcing a special sale
which will interest every lady in this
city. Read carefully.

We will soon commence the pu
cation of a new and thrilling story of the
war from the pen of F. A. Mitche
late of the U. S. Army entitled "Lost
Tamoopa." Be sure you read the open
chapters.

There will be service at St. Luke's
tomorrow Saturday the feast of the
Annunciation at 10:30 a. m. at 7:30 p
m. Cantata Miss Lee organist will
be sung at the morning service. Choral
Evensong.

It is said that false talk for horses
which have undergone the docking operation
is the latest innovation, and the
man who conceived the idea is making a
fortune. The docked tail is said to get
the correct thing.

The MINER and New York Tribune
one year for only $1 75. Subscribe now
and get the opening chapters of that
thrilling story of the war
which will soon be published in these
columns. See the announcements else
where in this issue.

An exchange says that two specimens
of dead crows lie under the trees on
a mountain near Reading Pa. killed by
the cold weather. The cold weather
blinds them and they cannot find food,
and die. The place has been a roost for
crows for many years.

—By notice in another column it will
be seen that the Smethport Machine Co.
doing business at East Smethport has
been dissolved, and Messrs C. A. Backer
& J. Gifford and M. M. Coleman have
been appointed trustees to settle up the
affairs of the company.

In presenting a stranger most people
mumble, in an undertone, names which
are so unintelligible as a Delphi oracle.
This habit causes a vast amount of em
barrasment, and those who are not capa
ble of speaking distinctly should not
try to perform the operation of introduc
tion.

There House services at St
Luke's Church on Good Friday will con
sist of hymns, prayers, silent meditations
and sermons on the Seven Words from
the Cross." People can go in at any
time during the service and leave if nec
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Now that the snow has disappeared and
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Passing Events.

Paris the Magnificent is the sub
ject of a lecture to be given in Coleman Collegiate
Institute on Thursday evening, March 30th by
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receipts will be tendered to Rev. H. W.
Mykins, pastor of the Collegiate charge.
All who have had the pleasure of listen
ing to Mr. Lattimer know him to be a
speaker of more than ordinary ability
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SPRING and SUMMER 1893.
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It seems to have just what everything is waiting and at prices that nobody can help buying. The full life of the season is upon us and we welcome for it more, but the latest
—New Spring Wraps—
—New Ladies Jackets—
—New Spring Dress Goods—
—New Spring Gloves—
Make it unusually pleasant to shop here now. Every head of women and children in the entire Every Department of the Dry Goods, Cloaks and Draperies of this store.
Three new Departments opened here this season.
—Window Shades—
—Full Line of Upholsteries—
—Ladies' and Children's Wraps—
When in Bradford visit the Bazaar. We welcome strangers at all times, and will be pleased to show our goods at their store. An elegant line of New Spring Dress Goods at 12½, 25, 37½, 50 cents and $1 00 per yard.
New line of Ladies' Macintoshes from the cheapest, to the very best. We are Bradford's agents for the "Utica Polyform" Macintosh. Perfection of Water Mackintoshes to sell at $4.50, $7.50, $10 00, up to $25 00 each.
Send for samples of anything, we'll send them.
THE BAZAAR
J. ELOSKEY
18 Main St., near St. James Hotel.
Bradford, Pa.

BELL BRO'S.
OLEAN, N. Y.
FINE TOWELS
Five dozen double damask, knotted fringe towels, beautiful patterns and can be used for lunch cloths. Price 89c., worth $1 50
Special bargains in Ladies' hose. The balance of this week we will offer 50 dozen ladies' hose, consisting of one lot drop stich, fast black boot, fancy tops, and one lot guaranteed fast black and seamless, at 15c. or 7 pairs for $1 They are unquestionably the best bargains we have ever offered over our hosiery counter
STILL ANOTHER We have opened a case of ladies 25c French Ribbed Vests with wing sleeves. Price for the balance of this week will be 19c
VEILINGS. Some new novelties in Veilings are being shown by us that will be very desirable for the Easter trade. New novelties in kid gloves for Easter will be on sale about the 20th of the month.
BLACK SKIRTS. A new line of Black Sateen Skirts, with ruffles, on sale at the Muslin Underwear counter.
MILLINERY. We want to say that our milliner and trimmers are in the market this week and we expect to show the result of their work some here about the 20th of the month. Don't give your orders until you see the dainty bonnets and hats we will display for the Easter trade
BELL BROTHERS,
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Notice to Contractors.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by P. D. Hopkins, at Smethport, Pa., for the construction of a brick sewer in the Borough of Smethport, until 8 o'clock p. m. of the 26th day of April, 1893.
Plans, specifications and profile can be seen at the Chautauqua House. All bids must be on the printed forms that will be furnished on application to D. Bacon Burgess. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
D. BACON BURGESS,
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March 23, 1893.

AUDITORS' REPORT

OF KEATING TOWNSHIP FOR 1892.

Lincoln Gallup in account with Keating township Special road bond tax.

	Dr.		
To duplicate			$ 521 49
By exonerations		$ 12 54	
By cash returned to Co. Com		1 50	
By paid S. H. Elder, supervisor		213 97	
By commission on $206 14 at 5 per cent		14 63	
By paid H. P. Beckwith, balance due		78 64	321 49

S. H. Elder in account with Keating township as supervisor for year 1892.

	Dr.	
To seated duplicate, 10 mills	1186 74	
To cash from Co. Com.	250 00	
To road order	250 00	
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To bonds sold		
To received from Thos. Hosmer, ex-collector	20 27	
To received from Jno. Treas.	675 00	
To received from L. A. Daly, ex collector	44 01	
To " " " Lincoln Gallup, collector	215 91	
Total due S. H. Elder	92 09	5243 02

	Cr.	
By exonerations	49 54	
By warrants and vouchers filed	2137 27	
By paid Loan bonds	800 97	
By worked out seated dup.	1061 85	
By amt of taxes turned over to new supervisor	16 50	
By 156 days services as supervisor	327 00	
By 1 day " "	2 00	
By 186½ days services man and team at $4 per day	746 00	
By commission on $4686 at 2 per cent	93 72	5240 03

N. U. Hyde in account with Keating township as supervisor for year 1892.

	Dr.	
To seated duplicate, 10 mills	1614 22	
To cash from Co. Treasury, ex-col.	20 27	
To cash from D. Bacon Burgess, Co. Treas.	1200 00	
To cash from Lewis Martin bond	1200 00	
By worked out road duplicate	1201 85	
By " " " "	81 00	
Ordered a pest post		
By 156 days services as supervisor at $2 per day	312 00	
By 1 day services man and team at $4 per day	4 00	
Loans at $6 per day	41 62	
By cash, on $4686 at 2 per cent	93 72	
By amt transferred to Bookwith and Hunter	14 98	5466 66

We, the undersigned, auditors of Keating township, having examined the accounts of Lincoln Gallup collector, S. H. Elder and N. U. Hyde supervisors, find as above stated.

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	Dr.	
To Mike O'Reilly for work	4 37	
To Thos. Hosmer for lumber	4 00	
To Thos. Tyrrell for work	1 75	
To John McKernan for work	4 00	
To T. Mayberry (big) for work	1 81	19 93
To Martin " " "		

Bond Fund 1892.

Loan bond No. 1,	1200 00	
Chris Hunter, bond No. 2, due Nov. 1, 1894	1200 00	2400 00

Debts contracted by former supervisors (none) Loan bonds issued paid by Hosmer and Hyde

Cash on hand	2157 97	
Cash on hand, bal. due	4 06	4162 03
Amt due from Co Treas Hosmer	800 00	

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SHOES.
Cordevan,
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Thoroughly made,
Comfortable and healthy,
No shoemaker can touch them for style.
All widths here to satisfy your feet.
You drop us a postal, we do the rest.
BLOODSWORTH & CO.
Good Shoes. 144 Union St., Olean, N. Y.
(Mention this paper when ordering goods.)

STICKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.
BOOTS AND SHOES.
In this department we are prepared to furnish you with best makes at in the market. We are selling for gents fine wear the celebrated Douglass shoes, in all the new styles and colors for spring
The ladies fine shoes are from the well known factory of Reynold Bros. Utica N. Y. which is a guarantee of both styles and prices
Our line of school shoes for children in the kangaroo are positively the best thing money can buy, and will wear, and do wear better than any other childs shoe We have the Agency of the above lines of shoes, and a trial will convince you of their superior quality.
CARPETS.
You will want at least two or three new carpets this spring. We have just opened our spring assortment of carpets and effects are more beautiful than ever. Prices ranging from 20 cents per yard. Call and see our stock.
GROCERY DEPARTMENT.
Is always complete, we have a new fresh stock of everything in this line, and by buying and selling for cash we are enabled to give you rock bottom prices.
Our other Departments are filled as usual with the best in the market.
Empire Flour $1 per sack, Northern Light $1.10, Acme Patent $1.30, per sack.
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It has been truthfully said,
"IT PAYS TO BUY FOR CASH."
It has also been clearly [illegible]rated
"IT PAYS TO SELL FOR [illegible]
These facts have been taught me by the best of all teachers, "EXPERIENCE"
I cannot afford to make my customers pay for a whole page of advertising in this valuable paper, so will speak my little piece in a small one column ad, which I trust is sufficient to point the public in the right direction to
SAVE MONEY
By Buying for Cash at
D. C. YOUNG'S.
I have recently spent several days in New York carefully consider ing the wants of my many customers I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable for a man, woman or child.
I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec 1st, 1892, give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5 $10 or $15 purchase made at my store Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at least, subject to change for the better without further notice, No goods regardless of trouble,
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T H Bradley of Smethport, was here last Fri
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Miss Mary Lynch, of Lockport, N Y, is visiting
at her parents, Mr and Mrs P Lynch, of
this place.

Harry Wagoner of Jamestown, brother of J
Wagoner, our station agent, was here last week
for a short visit.

The report of the M. E. Church last Thursday evening was a pleasant affair, the sum of $52.00 was raised.

Mrs. L. Aldred, who has been spending several months with friends in Cuba, N Y, returned last week, and on Friday went to Delta to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hine.

The Ormsby homestead at Ormsby Junction which has stood nearly half a century was totally destroyed by fire last Friday. Nearly all the household goods were saved, but we understand there was some insurance.

We are sorry to hear that the family who will be greatly bereaved by the death of Mr. Wolcott, the infant son of Rev. H. H. Wolcott, who has been pastor of the Methodist church at Ormsby Junction for the past two years. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The borough is without a resident justice of the peace, which is a great inconvenience as it has occurred Saturday night, and will be repeated next Saturday night. It is hoped that Esquire Davis will return before then as there is a recurrence of the

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